

Literary Notes

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW for November, altho a little later than usual in reaching us, does not fall behind its past record in the richness, variety, and practical quality of its contents. Its Review Section contains articles by Dr. Cunningham Geikie, on "How Best to Present Bible Characters from the Pulpit;" Prof. T. W. Hunt, of Princeton University, on "Shelley's Life and Teachings;" Dr. Carlos Martyn, on "The Christian Citizenship Movement;" Archdeacon Sinclair, of London, on "Practical Recommendations of the Lambeth Conference of 1897;" Professor J. F. McCurdy, of Toronto, on "The Story of the Flood."

The sermon section has several very able sermons by leading ministers of the gospel.

Professor E. J. Wolf, of the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa., has a strong article in the Exegetical and Expository Section on "The Argument of the Epistle to the Hebrews." In the "School of Bible Study," Dr. D. S. Gregory presents a striking and unique view of the Catholic Epistles of the New Testament, showing that, while their first aim is to furnish the "needed complement and confirmation" of the Pauline teachings, they, at the same time, exhibit and discuss "all the essential relations of Christian Creed and Christian Life," and are just suited to meet and check the erroneous tendencies in the teaching of the present day.

The practical editorial note on "The Twentieth Century's Needs" should receive wide attention and consideration. It is in resumption and continuation of the movement begun by the REVIEW in the Editorial Notes starting with the September issue of 1896, entitled, "The Twentieth Century's Call to Christendom," and urging the duty and responsibility of Christendom for the immediate evangelization of the world.

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The first Thanksgiving dinner was celebrated in this country two hundred and seventy six years ago, at Plymouth, Massachusetts. The whole American army was present—it numbered twenty men. Miles Standish, the backward lover of Priscilla, sat at the feast, while Priscilla served at the tables. The story will appear in the November issue of *The Ladies' Home Journal*. Here Indians and whites sat down together by the tables set in the woods, and enjoyed the roast turkey, beechnuts, clam chowder, fish, salad, cakes, fruit and other delicacies provided. It was at this historic dinner that the first oysters were served. The illustrations of the article show portraits of the Pilgrim fathers.

Among features of special note in the November Magazine Number of the Outlook may be mentioned: President Eliot's address on The Function of Education, delivered recently at the Brooklyn Institute, and now first printed entire; a finely illustrated article by Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie on the newly published *Memoirs of Lord Tennyson*; a story of peculiar interest, by Katharine Pearson Woods, the characters of which are divided between the Salvation Army and high social circles; a picturesque and interesting article on curious historic features of Salem, the old witchcraft town, by Miss Helen Benjamin, with pictures from photographs not before printed; a short illustrated article on what has been called "The Most Valuable Book in the World," with pictures from photographs taken expressly for The Outlook; a more than usually interesting installment of Mr. Justin McCarthy's *Story of Gladstone's Life*, with many family portraits and interior views at Hawarden taken expressly for The Outlook; a sermon by the Rev. Lyman Abbott; and the usual departments of news, editorial comment, book reviews, etc., etc. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 13 Astor Place, New York.)

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